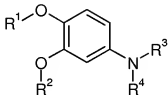


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled):
2. (Currently Amended): A compound according to Formula I:



wherein

R^1 is H or alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen;

R^2 is alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-4} -alkoxy, oxo or combinations thereof, and wherein optionally one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups is replaced in each case by $-CH=CH-$ or $-C\equiv C-$,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, C_{1-4} -alkyl, C_{1-4} -alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, CF_3 , OCF_3 , alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxy, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl in which the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which the arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or is substituted in the aryl portion one or more times by halogen, CF_3 , OCF_3 , alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxy, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, nitro, cyano, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, or combinations thereof, and wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ or $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$, and one or more $-\text{CH}_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by $-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{NH}-$ and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof, or

a partially unsaturated carbocyclic group having 5 to 14 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof; [[.]]

~~a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, or~~

~~a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is~~

unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, OCF_3 , hydroxy, aryl, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ or $-\text{C}=\text{C}-$, and one or more $-\text{CH}_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by $-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{NH}-$ and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof;

R^3 is H ;

alkyl having 1 to 8 which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, cyano, C_{1-4} -alkoxy, or combinations thereof;

a partially unsaturated carbocyclic alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the carbocyclic portion one or more times by halogen, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof, and the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, C_{1-4} -alkoxy, cyano or combinations thereof;

aryllalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, aryllalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O , nitro, amino, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkylamino wherein the alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, dialkylamino wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl, or

is heteroarylalkyl group, wherein the heteroaryl portion may be partially or fully saturated and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heteroarylalkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heteroaryl portion by halogen, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF₃O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino wherein the alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, dialkylamino wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof; and

R⁴ is aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, alkynyl having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxy, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkoxy wherein each alkoxy group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, OCF₃, amino, aminoalkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, aminoalkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, dialkylamino wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxamic acid, pyrrolyl, tetrazole-5-yl, 2-(heterocycle)tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, carboxy, alkyl-O-CO- wherein the alkyl portion has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, cyano, alkanoyl having 1 to 13 carbon atoms, aroyl having 7 to 15 carbon atoms, alkylthio having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkylsulfinyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkylsulfonyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, R⁵-L^r, or combinations thereof; or

heteroaryl having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a heteroatom, which is substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxy, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon

atoms, alkoxyalkoxy wherein each alkoxy group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, OCF_3 , amino, aminoalkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, aminoalkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, dialkylamino wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, carboxy, alkyl $-\text{O}-\text{CO}-$ wherein the alkyl portion has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, cyano, alkanoyl having 1 to 13 carbon atoms, aroyl having 7 to 15 carbon atoms, alkylthio having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkylsulfinyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkylsulfonyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, R^5 -L, or combinations thereof;

R^5 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_{1-4} -alkyl, C_{1-4} -alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof,

alkylamino or dialkylamino wherein each alkyl portion has independently 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxy, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkoxy wherein each alkoxy group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, aminoalkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, dialkylamino wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, carboxy, alkyl -O-CO- wherein the alkyl portion has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, cyano, alkanoyl having 1 to 13 carbon atoms, aroyl having 7 to 15 carbon atoms, alkylthio having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkylsulfinyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkylsulfonyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, phenoxy, cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms which is substituted unsubstituted, heteroaryl having one or two rings and a total number of 5 to 10 ring atoms wherein at least one of the ring atoms is a heteroatom and which is substituted unsubstituted, or combinations thereof, or

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF₃O, nitro, amino, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, amino, alkylamino having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, dialkylamino wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl;

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially-saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxy, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkoxy wherein each alkoxy group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, aminoalkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, dialkylamino wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, carboxy, alkyl-O-CO- wherein the alkyl portion has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, cyano, alkanoyl having 1 to 13 carbon atoms, aroyl having 7 to 15 carbon atoms, alkylthio having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkylsulfinyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkylsulfonyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, phenoxy, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O , nitro, oxo, amino, dialkylamino having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

L is a single bond or a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein one or more $-\text{CH}_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{NR}^6-$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NH}-$, $-\text{NHSO}_2-$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^6-$, $-\text{NR}^6\text{SO}_2-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{NR}^6\text{CO}-$, -

CONR⁶-, -NHCONH-, -OCONH-, -NHCOO-, -SCONH-, -SCSNH-, or -NHCSNH-; and

R⁶ is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C₁-4-alkyl, C₁-4-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof;

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF₃O, nitro, amino, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkylamino having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, dialkylamino wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl;

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxy, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkoxy wherein each alkoxy group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, aminoalkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, dialkylamino wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, carboxy, alkyl -O-CO- wherein the alkyl portion has 1 to 12 carbon atoms, cyano, alkanoyl having 1 to 13 carbon atoms, aroyl having 7 to 15 carbon atoms, alkylthio having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkylsulfinyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, or alkylsulfonyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

with the provisos that:

(a) R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5 -L in which L is a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein at least one $-CH_2-$ group is replaced by $-SO_2NR^6-$ or $-NR^6SO_2-$ in which R^6 is aryl or arylalkyl which in each case is substituted or unsubstituted;

(b) R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5 -L in which L is a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein at least one $-CH_2-$ group is replaced by $-NR^6-$, $-SO_2NR^6-$, $-NR^6SO_2-$, $-NR^6CO-$, or $-CONR^6-$ and R^6 is aryl or arylalkyl which in each case is substituted or unsubstituted;

(c) R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5 -L in which R^5 is aryl or a heterocyclic group each being substituted by cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

(d) R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5 -L in which L is $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-CONR^6SO_2-$, $-SO_2NR^6CO-$, or $-SO_2NR^6-$, with the further proviso that when R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5 -L in which L is $-SO_2NR^6-$, then R^6 is other than H; or

(e) said compound is selected from

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-*tert*-butyloxycarbonylphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-aniline,

N-(3,4-Bis-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,

~~N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuran-2-ylphenoxy)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,~~

~~N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuran-2-ylphenoxy)-N-(5-fluoro-3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,~~

N-(3-Cyclobutyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Isopropoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclopropylmethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,

~~N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuran-2-ylphenoxyphenyl)-N-(5-chloro-3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid;~~

N-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid,
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

3. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5 -L in which L is a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein at least one $-CH_2-$ group is replaced by $-SO_2NR^6-$ or $-NR^6SO_2-$ in which R^6 is aryl or arylalkyl which in each case is substituted or unsubstituted.

4. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5 -L in which L is a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein at least one $-CH_2-$ group is replaced by $-NR^6-$, $-SO_2NR^6-$, $-NR^6SO_2-$, $-NR^6CO-$, or $-CONR^6-$ and R^6 is aryl or arylalkyl which in each case is substituted or unsubstituted.

5. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5 -L in which R^5 is aryl ~~or a heterocyclic group each being~~ substituted by cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl.

6. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5 -L in which L is $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-CONR^6SO_2-$, $-SO_2NR^6CO-$, or $-SO_2NR^6-$, with the further proviso that when R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5 -L in which L is $-SO_2NR^6-$, then R^6 is other than H.

7. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 2, wherein said compound is selected from:

N-(3,4-Bis-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,
N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuran-2-ylphenoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid;

~~N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuran-2-ylmethoxyphenyl)-N-(5-fluoro-3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid;~~

N-(3-Cyclobutyl-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

wherein compounds that are optically active can be in the form of their separate enantiomers or mixtures thereof, including racemic mixtures.

8. (Cancelled);

9. (Cancelled);

10. (Cancelled);

11. (Cancelled);

12. (Cancelled);

13. (Cancelled);

14. (Cancelled);

15. (Cancelled);

16. (Cancelled);

17. (Cancelled);

18. (Cancelled);

19. (Cancelled);

20. (Cancelled);

21. (Cancelled);

22. (Cancelled);

23. (Cancelled);

24. (Cancelled);

25. (Cancelled);

26. (Cancelled);

27. (Cancelled);

28. (Cancelled);

29. (Cancelled);
30. (Cancelled);
31. (Cancelled);
32. (Cancelled);
33. (Cancelled);
34. (Cancelled);
35. (Cancelled);
36. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
37. (Original): A composition according to claim 36, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.
38. (Cancelled);
39. (Cancelled);

40. (Cancelled);

41. (Cancelled);

42. (Cancelled);

43. (Cancelled);

44. (Cancelled);

45. (Cancelled);

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47. (Cancelled);

48. (Cancelled);

49. (Cancelled);

50. (Cancelled);

51. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 3 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

52. (Original): A composition according to claim 51, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.

53. (Cancelled);

54. (Cancelled);

55. (Cancelled);

56. (Cancelled);

57. (Cancelled);

58. (Cancelled);

59. (Cancelled);

60. (Cancelled);

61. (Cancelled);

62. (Cancelled);
63. (Cancelled);
64. (Cancelled);
65. (Cancelled);
66. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 4 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
67. (Original): A composition according to claim 66, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.
68. (Cancelled);
69. (Cancelled);
70. (Cancelled);
71. (Cancelled);
72. (Cancelled);

73. (Cancelled);

74. (Cancelled);

75. (Cancelled);

76. (Cancelled);

77. (Cancelled);

78. (Cancelled);

79. (Cancelled);

80. (Cancelled);

81. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 5 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

82. (Original): A composition according to claim 81, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.

83. (Cancelled);

84. (Cancelled);

85. (Cancelled);

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87. (Cancelled);

88. (Cancelled);

89. (Cancelled);

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93. (Cancelled);

94. (Cancelled);

95. (Cancelled

96. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 6 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

97. (Original): A composition according to claim 96, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.

98. (Cancelled);

99. (Cancelled);

100. (Cancelled);

101. (Cancelled);

102. (Cancelled);

103. (Cancelled);

104. (Cancelled);

105. (Cancelled);

106. (Cancelled);

107. (Cancelled):

108. (Cancelled):

109. (Cancelled):

110. (Cancelled):

111. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 7 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

112. (Original): A composition according to claim 111, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.

113. (Original): An intermediate compound which is N-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid.

114. (Cancelled):

115. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R¹ is methyl or difluoromethyl.

116. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R² is cycloalkyl.

117. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 116, wherein R² is cyclopentyl.

118. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R² is phenyl, methylphenyl, methoxyphenyl, chlorophenyl, phenethyl, phenpropyl, phenbutyl, phenylethenyl, phenoxyethyl, phenoxypropyl, phenoxybutyl, chlorophenylethyl, methoxyphenyl ethyl, chlorophenylethenyl, chlorophenoxyethyl, chlorophenylpropyl, methoxyphenylpropyl, methoxyphenylbutyl, chlorophenylbutyl, nitrophenylbutyl, or chlorophenylaminoethyl.

119. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R² is cyclohexenyl, or cyclohexadienyl, ~~or indan-2-yl~~ which in each case is unsubstituted or substituted, ~~particularly~~.

120. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R² is an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is substituted or unsubstituted.

121. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R² is methyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, or methoxyethyl.

122. (Cancelled):

123. (Cancelled):

124. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R² is cyclopentyl, tetrahydrofuranlyl, CHF₂, methoxyethyl, cyclopropylmethyl, phenethyl, phenpropyl, phenylethenyl, phenoxyethyl, phenoxybutyl, or phenylaminoethyl, ~~indan-2-yl, pyridylethyl, or pyridylpropyl~~.

125. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R³ is alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or an arylalkyl ~~or a heteroarylalkyl~~ group, which in each case is substituted or unsubstituted.

126. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 125, wherein R³ is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, ~~n-butyl~~ ~~n-but~~, substituted or unsubstituted benzyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenethyl, or substituted or unsubstituted phenpropyl, ~~substituted or unsubstituted pyridylmethyl, substituted or unsubstituted furanylmethyl, substituted or unsubstituted thienylmethyl, substituted or unsubstituted pyrrolylmethyl, substituted or unsubstituted oxazolylmethyl, substituted or unsubstituted isoxazolylmethyl, substituted or unsubstituted pyrimidinylmethyl, substituted or unsubstituted thiazolylmethyl, substituted or unsubstituted isoquinolinylmethyl, substituted or unsubstituted quinolinylmethyl.~~

127. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 125, wherein R³ is arylalkyl or a heteroarylalkyl group, ~~which in each case~~ is unsubstituted or substituted in the ~~aryl or~~ heteroaryl portion by F, Cl, CH₃, C₂H₅, OCH₃, or CN.

128. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 3, wherein R⁴ is phenyl which is at least monosubstituted by R⁵-L.

129. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 6, wherein R⁴ is phenyl which is at least monosubstituted by R⁵-L.

130. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 3, wherein R⁴ is phenyl, naphthyl, or biphenyl, ~~furanyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, or isoquinolinyl~~ which is at least monosubstituted by R⁵-L.

131. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 6, wherein R⁴ is phenyl, naphthyl, or biphenyl, ~~furanyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, or isoquinolinyl~~ which is at least monosubstituted by R⁵-L.

132. (Cancelled):

133. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein said compound is 3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-*tert*-butoxycarbonylphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-aniline, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

134. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein said compound is N-(3,4-Bis-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

135. (Cancelled):

136. (Cancelled):

137. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein said compound is N-(3-Cyclobutyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

138. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein said compound is N-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

139. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein said compound is N-(3-Ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

140. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein said compound is N-(3-Isopropoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

141. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein said compound is N-(3-Cyclopropylmethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

142. (Cancelled):

143. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 2, wherein said compound is N-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.